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APPLICANT: VIRBULIS ET AL - 1
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TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A SILICON
SINGLE CRYSTAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination, please amend the above-
identified patent application as follows.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the enclosed revised sheet of drawing for
FIG. 4 for the currently filed FIG. 4.

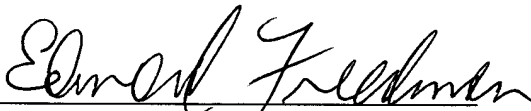
REMARKS

The amendment to this patent application is to substitute a
revised sheet of drawing for FIG. 4. The revisions were made by
the inventors, and no new matter has been introduced, as shown by
the initials of the inventors and the dates in the right hand
margin.

Entry of this amendment is believed to be proper, and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- (1) Revised FIG. 4;
- (2) Submission of Information Disclosure Statement of Dr. Wolfgang Staudacher;
- (3) Information Disclosure Statement of Dr. Wolfgang Staudacher;
- (4) Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office;
- (5) PTO-form 1449 w/copies of three (3) references.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 3, 2002.



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